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REMARKS  

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1. On 10 December 1953, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia; and a few officers with artillery insignia. Intensive training activities, including formation drill, were observed in the installation. The doors of the sheds were closed. No tanks or vehicles were seen outside the sheds. About 150 to 200 troops received field training in the training area southeast of the installation.

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2. On 10 December, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia and a few with tank insignia. About 200 to 250 troops were seen at training, including formation drill. The sheds were closed. About 150 to 200 troops received field training and about 25 troops received instruction on mortars, presumably 82-mm mortars. About 20 to 30 troops were employed in the construction of training installations at the new training grounds west of Lindenau.

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3. On 10 December, the Treitschke Kaserne was occupied by about 300 to 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. All was quiet in the installation.

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4. On 10 December, the Train Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including a few officers with artillery insignia. About 40 to 50 troops engaged in drill, training in firing and maintenance work on 6 trucks   in the installation.

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5. On 30 November, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops. Sentries observed wore black-bordered blue epaulets with air force insignia.

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6. On 30 November, the quarters north of the post hospital were occupied by about 250 to 300 troops. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

7. On 11 December, the Flak Kaserne, Leipzig-Schoenau, was occupied by about 600 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery, tank and motor transport insignia. On 2 December, armored personnel carrier No 723 was seen en route toward Leipzig. On 3 December, about 100 troops practiced aiming on Kirschberg (hill). Other troops received instruction on a dug-in tank, probably a T-34. [redacted]

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3. The canal area west of Plautstrasse and north of Luetzener Strasse, where gravel had been dug during the preceding years, was confiscated by the Soviets. Troops from the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick constructed 4 observation towers, 5 earth bunkers and 5 circular embankments.

9. On 16 December, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and motor transport insignia. Heavy weapons observed included 5 T-34 tanks, 1 JS-1 tank, 2 or 3 JSU-122 guns, 3 BA-64 armored scout cars and 10 M-3 armored personnel carriers. On 2 December, about 30 troops practiced throwing of hand grenades south of the installation and, on 7 December, about 20 to 25 troops engaged in advanced combat training. On 9 December, T-34 tanks [redacted] entered the installation from the direction of Taucha. [redacted]

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10. On 11 December, about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets engaged in field training and aiming practice in the area opposite the barracks installation in Leipzig-Schoenau and, on 12 December, about 35 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets received field training. Armored personnel carrier [redacted] occupied by 8 to 10 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and 3 armored scout cars left the installation toward Bienitz. On 12 December, 3 soldiers engaged in surveying work in the adjoining fields.<sup>2</sup>

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted]

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[redacted] The strength estimate [redacted] of paragraph 1 [redacted] is believed to be about correct. [redacted]

2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted]

[redacted] It is noted that the strength estimate is again very low.

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